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STRONG APPEAL MADE TO H.B.A. PRESIDENTS

State Federation Colored Clubs Call

An Appeal From The General Office to Local Presidents & Officers

OF LOCAL LODGES

To the presidents vice. pres, secretaries, assistant secretaries, treasurers, chaplains, board committees, sick committees and members: an urgent appeal is coming to you from the office. First of all, we wish to state to you that we are earnestly urging that you add all of the members possible and collect on same in the March Boards. We have, as we go to press, 27 deaths already.

We also are bringing you the information that we have now in the office regular local lodge stationary that can be bought from our office. You can buy stationary for 20c up with your local lodge number, your route, box, post office, local lodge officers, including board committee and sick committee.

Each local lodge should send stamps to the office at once and obtain this beautiful and desirable stationary that will help to advertise not only your local lodge, but the entire association.

Friends, if we are to grow we must advertise. We should not have a single president in the entire association who has not in the next 5 days mailed an order for 20c worth of letter heads and envelops. Please send 4c extra for wrapping and mailing purposes. We want to see just how many presidents are interested, loyal and energetic enough to respond. We are going to give to the first ten presidents mailing in orders for stationary, envelops, letterheads and H. B. A. pencil free of charge for promptness. Come on presidents The names of those who send in first will be published through the Echo.

ECHO

We are mailing extra copies of the Echo to a large number of our presidents and asking them to sell them this week and mail the money to us in stamps. Our subscriptions must be increased and we are urging you to do your bit in selling the copies that we mail to you. This week's issue is a fine issue. See to it that all members read it.

MARCH SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are asking each local lodge to bring at least a 6 months subscription to the board. Those who bring 50c for one subscription in the March Board, we will give you the paper for 6 months. We find that it is absolutely necessary that all the members of your local lodge read the Echo. We have in our office now $17.25 worth of receipts from one member who has been paying since 1932 according to the receipts and the office has not received one penny of this money. It is going to be necessary that the secretaries of each local lodge in the Association read the Echo and we are suggesting here that the president of each lodge subscribe for the Echo for the secertary of your lodge for one year for your own protection.

Rev. T. S. Harten of Brooklyn Out to 'Build A City' In New Jersey

of "THE AFRICAN ABROAD."
By William H. Ferris. M.A. Author

Mound City, Miss., and Boley, Oklahoma are two noted Nebro communities. But now, Rev. Thomas S. Harten, the progressive militant pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Brookiyn, N.Y. has launched a building program which will transcend the towns mentioned. **Mizpah, NJ. his** "promised land" is near a large City and also near a popular summer resort.

Dr. Harten is advocating that, as Colored Americans, we "Build a City" for ourselves. It will not be segregation, because no one will be barred. Mizpah, N.J. is forty miles from Philadelphia and little more than twenty miles from Atlantic City.

A wealthy man has already promised to build a factory which will give employment to our group. Cr. N. Rathblott and sons have agreed to give sufficient money to erect a building for college education and to make annual contributions, which will reach from $75,000 to $100,000 a year for the education of Colored Youth.

The land is dry and level. The soil is fertile and will produce anything that the N. J. soil will grow. It is one of the finest places in N. J. for poultry raising. The National Baptist Convention, Inc., U.S.A., Dr. L. K. Williams of Chicago, President has already purchased fifteen acres of farm land and several building lots to erect a National Baptist Rest Home. Hon. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks has bought land for a National Elks Home. Other National, religious and fraternal Orders will follow suit.

DR HARTEN'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM

The Negro Church, Press Business Enterprizes, and tre Ballot can change the economic status of the Race, says Dr. Harten and except we give more whole-hearted support to our own buisness enterprizes, and become producers as well as consumers, it will be idifficult to survive. "The black man's destiny is in his own hands." He is advocating "Buy something from your own every day," Every man and woman to take out at least one insurance policy in a Colored Insurance Co., subscribe to at least one Race paper, and read not less than three Race papers weekly. Dr. Harten is palnning to tour the country in the interest of 'Building a City and giving impetus and encouragment to our business enterprizes.

The Rev. Dr. Harten was principal speaker at the New York Baptist Ministers' Conference, N. Y. C. on Monday afternoon, January 22nd, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church; Rev. Abner W. Brown, Pastor; and the President. Dr. F. W. Twine, Rev. Geo. H. Sims, President N. Y. State Convention, Rev. Dr. C. C. Adams, President Penna. State Convention, Rev. Dr. Leonard Carr of Philadelphia, Pa. and a fully dozen more prominant ministers who pledged their hearty support to Rev. Dr. Harten, and his program for the advancement of the Race.

Bishop Moore Leads On

According to a communication just received from Bishop J. H. Moore of Holly Springs, Mississippi, the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Holly Spinrgs has agreed to cut our bonded debt to $20,000.00 saving Mississippi $17,000.00. This great reudction has been made because of the heroic effort put forth by the Mississippians under the leadership of their chieftan, Bishop J. H. Moore, presiding bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District.

We are confident that this news will be very encouraging to not only the Mississippians, but the entire church.

We are of the opinion that if pastors and presiding elders will put forth every effort to see to it that our Annual budget, made in the last Annual Conference, is paid to the last penny, we will be in a fine shape We would like to urge that the members of our various churches in Mississippi do their best.

I wish we could see the need of paying our entire General Funds assessment out within the next 60 or 90 days and then take an aeroplane speed to clear up the balance on our bonded debt. What says Mississippi?

Congratulations to Bishop J. H. Moore for the heroic and untiring efforts in having this debt reduced.

NOTICE FROM BISHOP MOORE!

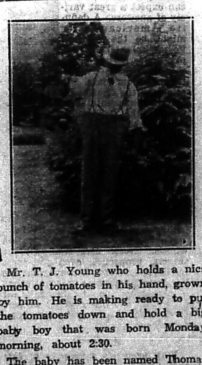
The Presiding Elders' Council of the C. M. E. Church will convene at Greenwood, Miss Feb. 14, 15, 1940

All of the elders, pastors and heads of departments of Missionary, Epworth League, Sunday School and Lay Activity Departments are expected to attend. Programs for the operation of each department will be made at that time.

The Presiding Elder in either of the Conferences reporting the largest percent of his assessment for the year will get a nice prize. The pastor in either of the conferences reporting the largest percent of his assessment will get a nice prize. Let all come and see.

Faithfully yours,

J. H. MOORE.



Mr. T. J. Young who holds a nice bunch of tomatoes in his hand, grown by him. He is making ready to put the tomatoes down and hold a big baby boy that was born Monday morning, about 2:30.

The baby has been named Thomas Jefferson Young, Jr. Mother and baby are doing fine at 1906-12th ave.

THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Dear Co Workers:

Statistics indicate that there is a growing tendency to disregard law and order, especially among the younger people in their early twenties. There is still no agency in our state to care for the juvenile delinquents and incorrigibles of our group. Our youth of tender and impressionable age still have as their associates hardened in the penal institutions. Too often these mere children return to society much worse than when they left; and far too often do they develop into violators who become a menace to the community, giving us an undesirable record.

These offenders have become a problem to the administrators of the law. Judges, justice of peace, chiefs of police, sheriffs, and mayors are daily asking themselves the questions "Is it right to commit these young people to jail, the county farm, or the penitentiary? And should I do so even if the law warrents it? Is this best for Mississippi". They are seeing as never before the pressing need of an institution that will stand for restraint, direction, and the redemption of the Negro Youth from the result of criminal tendencies. Among them are to be found men with courage of their conviction, who are speaking out in favor for the home for which we have labored incessantly for 12 years.

Again, again, and again the Governor and the Legislature have been beseiged with petitions more so than ever before with practically no result. But we are encouraged to believe that the time is not far when our dreams will be realized. Sentiment is being created as never before friends who are interested in this imperative need are being made daily, and personal contacts with kind and sympathetic officials impress us that every possible effort will be made in this direction. Let us hope and pray.

And now the call is to go a second mile. We are launching a campaign stronger and more forcible than ever before to have our new Governor and Legislature to favor this project during this session of the Legislature. Let me insist that we do not depend on our committees alone to do this work through a few letters and newspapers articles. There must be a closer contact. If members of the Federation would take time as some have done before to carry in person a petition to the leading white voters in your county. see that your county papers give their support, and get white clubs and organizations to endorse our appeal, I do believe the desire of our heart will be granted. What say you about it? We care not what you say about it; whether north or south, east or west. or in the middle of the state, it will be satisfactory to know that the door of opportunity to youthful offenders has been opened.

Yours for uplift,
Mississippi State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs
By Mrs. J. E. Johnson, President.
Mrs. C. M. Hubbard, Secretary.

Founders Day Alcorn A. M. College

ALCORN A. & M. COLLEGE
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Tentative Program for
FOUNDERS DAY
February 7, 1940

1. Music — Negro National Anthem
2. Invocation — Miss Lucretia Wright
3. Music — Selected
4. Purpose of Celebration and Introduction of Speaker — President Wm. H. Bell
5. Founders Day Address — P. S. Bowles, '95 Director of Placement Bureau
6. Music — Seelcted
7. Announcements
8. Music — Alcorn Ode

NECROLOGY

Ben Thornton, died January 19, 1940 at Lauderdale, Mississipp. Interment followed in Lauderdale. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

William Stokes died January 26, at Collinsville, Miss. after a lengthy illness. Interment in Collinsville. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Ben Jimerson of Hickory, Miss., died January 23. Interment in Hickory. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Glover Mack formerly of Meridian, Miss., but who has been residing in Livingston, Ala., died January 20. Interment followed in Livingston. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Rachel Williams formerly of Lauderdale, Miss., but has been living in Bessmer, Ala. for some time, died January 29th in Bessemer. Interment took place in Lauderdale. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

John H. McLelland of Whitfield, Miss., died January 30. Interment followed in Daleville. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Mamie Bettie Sims died January 31 in Meridian. Interment wil ltake place in Mt. Moriah. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

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COLD GRIPS SOUTH

For the past 10 days, we have had the coldest weather in the south that we have witnessed for a number of years. Various areas have been covered with snow—in our section—Meridian and Lauderdale County, there has been quite a bit of suffering for the want of fuel, food and clothing. We are happy to state, however, that those who were in need have been looked out for in a SYSTEMATIC way. Various organizations of the city such as schools, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, etc., have come to the aid of needy persons.

Meridian has shown a humanitarian spirit, a willingness to help those who were in dire need. WE have been INFORMED that THE churches have helpd in various ways. The churches, white and colored, have opened their doors and kept fires late at night if not all night, not for white nor black, but for persons who were without fuel and cover, to keep warm. While there may be those of us who are fortunate to be comfortably situated, let us remember that there are people whose hearts and intentions; actions and DEEDS are as good and honest as ours and yet, they are less fortunate.

To those whom God hath blessed to have warm places of shelter, plenty of food and good cover to keep warm, it should be remembered that all of these blessings and luxuries belong to God and we are only his stewards and he permits some of us to be superintendents over his goods and God is expecting that we give a good account of our stewardship.

"I AM A SNAKE"

A few days ago I heard a friend relate a story that he had heard about a snake. It is said that a man was travelling one cold day and he ran across a snake that seemed to rave frozen stiff; life all but gone. The man was interested in the snake's life BEING PRESERVED. He took the snake up and opened his vest, put the snake between his shirt and vest and then buttoned his vest. He THEN buttoned his dress coat and then his overcoat and continued on his journey. After traveling a few miles he felt something move in his bosom. He unbuttoned his overcoat and dress coat and the snake had stuck his head out of an opening between two buttons in the vest. The man looked at the snake and the snake looked at the him wiggling his tongue. The man said to the snake, "I picked you up when you were almost frozen and warmed you in my own bosom. The snake replied, "Yes, you did but I am a snake." Out his tonbue came again. The man said, "I your friend, I didn't kill you when I had a chance." The snake replied, "Yes, but I am a snake." "Are you going to bite me," asked the man. The snake replied, "I'm a snake." "Please do not bite me. I HAVE A WIFE and THREE CHILDREN depending upon replied the man. "I know that, but I am a snake." "Please take you out of my bosom without biting me," pleaded the man I'm a snake." "Have I not been good to you?", he said. "Yes, but I'm a snake." "If I had not picked you up you would have frozen to death." "That is true, but I'm a snake. "Nothing that done for me and nothing you may do for me will change I'm a snake."

I have related the ABOVE story for purpose of asking the readers of this article this question: Has not known human snakes? Have you not known men and women who were down and out; men and women who could not himselves; who had no place to sleep; men and women who had money; who had no reputation; men and women who had their character; whose credit was bad; men and women morals were bad; whose intentions and thoughts were evil MOTIVES were dangerous; men and women who had worn communities, towns, states and various places to which had gone out, and,

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seemingly, on the last round they made it to you and appealed for help and you no doubt picked the frozen snake up and put him in your bosom.

And when that snake or those snakes had warmed from the blood that was running warm in your veins; when the snake had gotten so he could stick his tongue out and move around in your bosom and you began to ask him questions—why thus and so, did he not answer, "Yes, you did do thus and so, but I'm a snake."

How many human snakes do you know that have warmed by the results of your efforts and then ontify you that they were "snakes" and then bite you. They bit you by spreading false propaganda; they bit you by talking about you; they bit you by trying to destroy your good name. They bit you by going to your friends and misrepresenting you. They bit you by going to your enemies and misrepresenting the truth. There are those of us who have BEEN bitten by human snakes and there are those of us who are being bitten Each Day of Our Lives by some human snakes that we have helped.

"Be Not Deceived, God Is Not Mocked" for Whatsoever a human Snake sows "that shall he also reap."

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. R L. Young, P. E

FEBRUARY 4, 1940
HOLDING LIFE SACRED
(A Principle of Temperate Living)
Geneses 1:27-31; 1 Cor. 6:19,20; 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1.
Golden Text— Ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body. 1 Cor. 6:20.

Genesis 1.27. And God created man in his own image. in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28. And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every LIVING thing that moveth upon the earth.

29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food,

30. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food: and it was so.

1 Corinthians 6:19. Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit whic his in you which ye have from God and ye are not your own;

20. For ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

2 Corinthians 6:16. And what agreement hath a temple of God with idols for we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them and I will be heir God, and they shall be my people.

17. Wherefore

Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you,
And will be to you a Father,

And ye shall be to me sons and daughters,
saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 7:1. Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness

Newton, Miss.

NEWTON, Miss.— Dear Editor: In the fear of God.

Please allow me to announce to the readers of the Echo that we lost one of our faithful nmbers in the person of Brother W. T. Williams. He was a faithful member of the lodge for about 12 years. He was a deacon of the Shiloh Baptist Church and was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a host of children and friends to mourn his loss, but we feel that our lost is heaven's gain.

WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC

By LOUIS REID

(Music Features & Photo Syndicate)

NEW YORK musical conductor Howard Barlow, who recently sent out a call—to the Smiths and Joneses of the United States, as he put it—for unpublished compositions, is surprised not only by the wide response but by the high quality of the music submitted. He plans to play at least one work by an unrecognized native composer in his Sunday afternoon concerts.

Louis Reid

Barlow's search, incidentally, yielded a Smith—a Julia Smith, of Texas, a student at the Juilliard Foundation in New York, and whose unpublished work, "Episodic Suite" has been listed for performance.

All kinds of pieces turned up at Barlow's summons—"as different," he says, "as the states they come from, but they all have a definite American flavor."

Just what, it may be asked, is a definite American flavor? One can expect a great variety of answers. A definite American flavor might be the Stephen Foster plantation expression. It might be the Gershwin-Grofe-Rube Bloom jazz. It might be the Charles K. Harris sentimental ballads or the George M. Cohan song-and-dance or the Rodgers and Hart blend of sophistication and sentiment or the Irving Berlin melody of romance and blue skies or the Duke Ellington swingeroo.

Billy Rose
A.S.C.A.P.

Opera on Wheels

Mussolini's flair for showmanship has now reached the musical world. Muss is now providing opera on wheels. Motor cars transport the singers, properties, even the seats for the spectators. A convenient site is selected, accessible to large groups of people; an open air theatre is set up. "Aida" and other works are performed, and the company travels on to the next town.

Why wouldn't enterprise of this sort be popular in America? We have the singers, the properties, the music-hungry towns, to say nothing of excellent roads and trucking facilities. First class productions and effective promotion could make opera on wheels one of the most restful of summer attractions.

The Versatile Billy Rose

Current chief inheritor of the American showman tradition of Barnum, Oscar Hammerstein, Florenz Ziegfeld, B. F. Keith is unquestionably the small, dynamic figure, who goes by the name of Billy Rose. By a combination of audacity, imagination, respect for the American love of the sentimental as well as for the physically stupendous, he succeeds where so many of his contemporaries fail.

Nothing seems to daunt the fellow, whether it is an ingeniously staged circus within the confines of an outdated Hippodrome, a dazzling pageant at an exposition (he was the chief amusement purveyor at Fort Worth's big show last summer) or a rejuvenation of big time vaudeville in a night club. He seems to have his finger adjusted accurately to the public pulse. He recently took over Manhattan's fading French Casino, renamed it Casa Manana, presented therein an array of high class acts, interspersed with new and old tunes, to people who like a show with their dining and dancing, and clicked in a manner that is the despair of his fellow entrepreneurs along Broadway.

Like many of America's producers for stage and screen, Rose started out in life as a songwriter. George M. Cohan, Bud De Sylva, William Le Baron, Jesse Lasky, Marc Connelly belong in this category. As has been the rule with his productions, there is nothing ordinary about his songs. Indeed, every one of them scored a big hit, and he has many tunes to his credit. Several of them continue to be favorites, as the periodical surveys of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, in which Rose has long been a high ranking member, reveal.

It was Billy Rose who wrote that currently-significant sentiment, "I Found a Million Dollar Baby in a Five and Ten Cent Store." He also fashioned the immensely popular "Would You Like to Take a Walk?" "The Night Is So Young," "It Happened in Monterey," "Without a Song," "Cheerful Little Earful," a nation's rage for a season; "I Want to Be Loved" and that slyly-romantic confession, "I Got a Feelin' I'm Fallin'."

He still reaches for a pen, when the mood and the moon is upon him, dashes off a ditty. But the moon has to be luscious and he has to be sure he really has something that will set ears and toes to tickling before he'll put the dame to w

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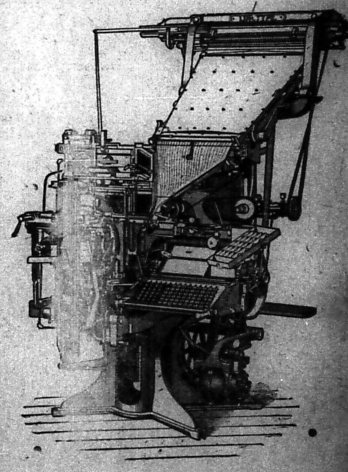

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A. L. Brown, Daleville	1
C. H. Moody, Laurel	2
Will Edwards, Shubuta	1
Wm. Kimslow, Waynesboro	1
P. B. Bayless, Columbia	2
G. E. Anderson, Shuqualak	1
Mrs. Anna McMillion, Hickory	6
Total reported this week	14
Number wanted	86

THE SAYING Of Mr. Green

By Z. D. Brent, R. 1, Box 70
Toomsuba, Mississippi

Well, Mr. Ed, I see in de paper where de white house in Washington ha da conference on all chillens in de unity states. Now, all de people had to do everywhere was have de conference 'cause I is quiet sure dey houses was white wasn't dey Mr. Ed?

Noy, Mr. Ed, I des wants ask yo 'bout how many times any body spose to marry. O' course de Bible says dat de woman was made from one o' man's ribs, now, if yo' got 36 ribs looks like yo' could marry 36 women don't it, Mr. Ed? 'Cause it says de Lawd put de man to sleep and tuck a rib from him and made a woman, and dat was his wife wasn't it, Mr. Ed?

Now, dat rib never had been tuck from nobody's side but Adam's had it Mr. Ed? Now does dat means dat de man is sposed to git de woman dat aint no body e er had married before Mr. Ed? Now, if de Lawd gived us a example to go by us sho oughta go by it aught'n us Mr. Ed?

Now, I b'lieve every body need dey own rib. Now, yo' rib might be too big fo' me or too little, or, too long or, too short one and I try to seep it any how, and it des be what ain't mine and, I can't do nothin' much wid it, can I, Mr. Ed?

Yers, truly,
"MR. GREEN".

IN MEMORY

Of W. B. Howze, who left us two years ago, January 28, 1938.
By Mrs. Annie Howze, wife and Lenor Howze, son

A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home, which can never be filled.

Yes, he has gone, forever gone, and left us here to WEEP
Till we are called to follow him, and in the grave to sleep.

But since he could no longer stay, to cheer us with his love
We hope to meet with him again, in yonders bright realm above.

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—FRIDAY—
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—Saturday—
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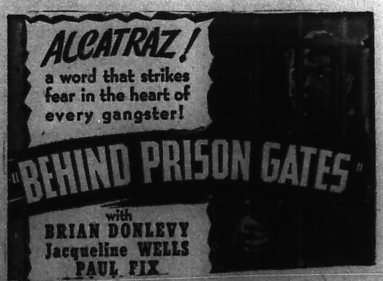

SATURDAY
'Sun Set Trail'

L. H. G.—I am nearing the age of forty and want to get married. Everything I get out of life is so little compared to others. When I begin meeting people, every woman that my way tries to make me and that seems to disguest me. Will I ever meet the type girl I would like to marry?

Ans: It can be done. But brother, you won't find the type you are searching for in dance halls and beer gardens. Join the church and meet the girls you wish to go with through this source. Lay off the rum yourself and decent girls will seek your company. As it is now you are classed as a good time fellow and the best girls are afraid of you. A marriage is indicated some time during the end of this year.

C. R.—I bought a nice gift for my 'dance' for Valentine but sre refuses to let me escort her to the Valentine dance. Should I give her this present o rtake it back?

Ans: Give it to her. The chief reason that she refused you the honor to escort her to the dance was that you waited until all the other girls had made their dates and she was still waiting for you to speak up. So one young man asked her, and she accepted. Next time you had better act quickly and don't depend on her going with you without asking her first.

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Ans: You are sure to get work to do in a couple of weeks. The chief reason you were laid off is that you weren't qualified to hold down the job that you choose i nthe first place. You actually need to take more business training. Get work and finish your course at night.

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Ans: Go right ahead and make the trip to Florida. You are expected as the people you are going to visit are making plans to show you a nice time during your visit. The letter you received was written by a very jealous young lady who is interested in the same young man you are. She is sorry she wrote the letter and you would be much better off never to mention it to anyone.

R. U.—Does this person who I thing I am desperately in love with love me enough to come back Why did she leave me?

Ans: He left that he had to make a change—he could marry you without money enough to live on and he knew if he remained near you that he would do so. Keep your trust in him, but I don't think he will come back the month he promised. I contact a marriage in your life during one of the warm months this summer.

S. P.— Is my only son guilty of what this girl tells me about? May I send for private information?

Ans: Emphatically yes, and how well you know it to be the truth. Don't try to influence your son against her, as you would regret it later in life. Yes, you can send for your Astrology Reading. Send a quarter wrapped securely in paper, with your full name, birthdate, correct address and three questions and I will be glad to send your Astrology Reading.

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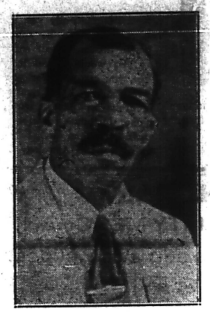

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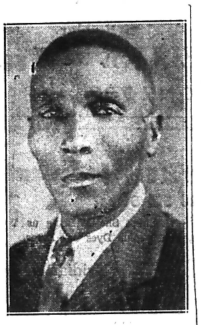

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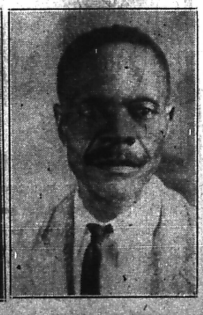

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29. And he answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented himself and went.

30. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31. Which of the two did the will of his father? They say, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

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33. Hear another parable: There was a householder, who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country.

34. And when the season of the fruits drew near,he sent his servants to the husbandmen, to receive his fruits.

35. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them in like manner.

37. But afterward he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38. But the husbandmen, when they saw the son, said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance.

39. And they took him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40. When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen, who shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scripture,

The stone which the builders rejected,
The same was made the head of the corner:
This was from the Lord
And it is marvelous in our eyes.

43. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, an dshall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Colored Florist

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done well individually, but where do we stand collectively?

We should like for some of our young girls who are finishing high school or college, or no doubt who have finished. Some one who has experience in flowers; some one who loves this kind of work; some one who wants to do something; some one who has some common sense to break the ice and have it said that in 1940 a first class floral shop was opened through me, whether you have a high school, college or grammar school training.

Lets get together with a group of young women and young men. Lets organzie and give some members of our group a job through this method. My! my! What an opportunity we have to make good and yet, we sit around whining and complaining. If anyone who reads this article is interested, please notify the writer, Reverend R. L. Young, Box 1043, Meridian, Mississippi and there are those of us who will get together and erect a building for a beautiful floral shop and give you a chance to make a fine start in life.

Meridian! Meridian! Why not wake up? Why should we sit around selfishly trying to keep something out of our brother's hand and in the meantime doing ourselves the same harm and injury.

Meridian Meridian wake up!

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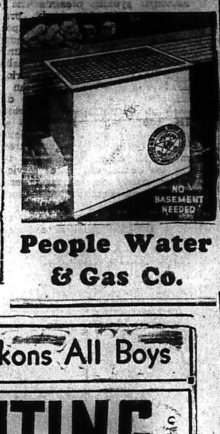

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Syphilis

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vides an ideal culture ground for germs, furnishing constantly the moisture and heat required. Syphilis not too often.

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About Folk We Know

Mr. M. V. B. Pitts of Tomsuba, Miss., was in the H. B. A. office Friday, February 2nd on business.

Mr. W. B. Brooks of 1309 13th Ave. passed Saturday night, February 4th from his residence.

Rev. W. N. Knott of Kewanee, Miss. was in the H. B. A. office Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Young of 1305 12th Avenue are happy ove ra baby boy, whom they named T. J. Young, Jr. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Anna Graham, mother of Mrs. R. L. Young, is doing nicely at home with Reverend and Mrs. R. L. Young at 1821 16th Avenue, after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Wm. R. Motley, who resides in the East End section of the city is improving after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Annie B. Crawford of Ray St. is improving from her residence.

Mrs. Carrie Leach of 1412 13th Ave. is improving form her resident from an attack o fthe Flu.

Mrs. Bessie Beck who has been ill for some time is convalescing at her home.

Mr. Pearlie Johnson who resides at 1708 31st Aveune is doing nicely after being indisposed.

Mrs. Fannie Lee Johnson of 2014 17th Street is improving from her residence, after being ill for several days.

Mrs. Laura Myers Hill is doing fairly well after being confined to her bed for some twe, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lula Larkin, the Asylum Heights.

Mr. Frank Berry of the Berry & Gardner Funeral Home has been confined to his bed for several days. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Minnie Humphrey, who resided at 1403 4th Street, passed Sunday night after an illness of several years She leaves several children, other relatives and friends to mourn.

Reverend E. A. Mays was a welcome visitor at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday at the close of his services.

Mr. M. V. B. Pitts is now an energetic agent for the Meridian Burial Association.

Reverend and Mrs. R. L. Young were visitors at New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday.

The Strayhorn & Young Funeral Home of Meridian, after the dissolution of one of its partners, is being put on permanent basis.

Mr. G. D. Cotton of West Enterprise is a hustling agent for the Meridian Burial Association.

Reverend E. F. Young is getting back to himself again after being confined to his home for about six weeks with the Flu.

Reverend W. N. Knott of Kewanee, Miss., is now an active agent for the Meridian Burial Association.

Mr. J. C. Williams of Toomsuba, Miss. is now an agent for the Meridian Burial Association.

The sermon in this week's issue of the Weekly Echo by Reverend B. Washington Coates is very interesting and thoughtful, read it.

Miss Emma B. Ivy, principal of the East End School is still confined to her ved at her residence.

According to reports, Miss Ivy has been indisposed since December 18, 1939. Her many, many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

If you want a big laugh when you are feeling fatique, read Mr. "ED" in the Weekly Echo.

ABOUT FOLK WE KNOW

Mrs. C. B. Ruffin has been on the sick list several days, however; she is able to be up and stirring around.

Mrs. Bettie Trussell who resides on 1811 29th Avaue is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Lillie May of 30th Aventue, between 19th and 20th streets has been ill for the past two weeks, however, she is on the way to recovery.

Mrs. R. C. Williams of Route 4, is on the sick list. We wish for Mrs. Williams a speedy recovery.

BOARDS

Dear Presidents: The March Boards are scheduled to meet as follows:
Friday, March 1, Dekalb, Miss, H. C Jennings, president.
Saturday, March 2, Quitman, Miss Brown McRee, president.
The Boards will open at 9:00 A M. on Saturday in order that we might wind up our business by 1:00 o'clock.
Monday, March 4, Collins, Miss. Wm Boykins, president
Wednesday, March 6, Deerbrook, Miss I M Moore, president
Thursday, March 7, Braxton, Miss., A G Kennedy, president.

BOARD COLLECTION

All presidents are requested to collect $1.25 per member and report same in the March Board. We are hope to pay more Death Claims in the March Boards than we paid in December. In order to do this it is going to be necessary that we grow our lodges and collect from ALL of our members.

SECRETARY.

Scouting Beckons All Boys

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February 8-14

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Number of members asked for by February 25th	150
Previously reported	84
Total reported this week by the following presidents:	
Mrs. M. E. Curry, Lawrence	2
R. McCormick, Yoesburg	3
L. B. Marshall, Wiggins	4
Allen Woodward, Shubuta	6
A Evans, Sandrsville	2
Alex McMillion, Hickory	2
W. R. Smith, Magee	2
James Blanks, Jr., W. Enterprise	1
Total members reported this week	25
Total members wanted by February 25th	61

THE SAYING O' Mr. Green

By Z. D. Brent, R. 1, Box 70
Toomsuba, Mississippi

Well, Mr. Ed, I noticed in de last week's paper where dat dar fello' what live out dere at Tarlet's see—well, he pastors at a church what's in Brooklin, N. Y. He is talkin' 'bout makin' a city fo' de colored folk to live in, and let it be dere city, ain't he, Mr. Ed?

Now, dat's a fine thing ain't it, Mr. Ed? Now, des think 'bout dat dar being de colored folk's city. I bet de colored folks 'ill be de officers den, won't dey, Mr. Ed. Now, dey 'ill have to be, let's see—first, de policemans, and de postofficeman, and de [illegible]-man, and de mail carryin'mans, and de bu station agentman, and hotelman, and de cafemans, and de city councilmans, and de undertakermans, and de garageman, and de grocermans, and de judgman, and de jurymans, and de doctormans, school teacherman and de pressin' clothesmans, and de hair cuttin'mans, and de sanitaryman.

Now, de policemans, I speck it 'ill hada be a 'hole lots o' dem, won't it, Mr. Ed? Now, I know it hada be a lots o' de lawds mans in dere, too, won't it. Mr. Ed?

Now, Mr. Ed, dat dar man what's gwina put dat dar business up dere is don' a fine thing, too, ain't he, Mr. Ed. 'Cause it hada be a bossman

Now, I speck me and yo' 'ill git to be de bankmans, won't us, Mr. Ed? Us won't let it bus nether would us, Mr. Ed?

Now, I speek de reason so many, many banks bus dey sit too full o' wind, don't dey, Mr. Ed

Yers truly,
"MR. GREEN".

Sermon

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with the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; they wandered in deserts, and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. Today they look down upon us also as a great cloud of witnesses. The spirit of these sainted ones are with us to day, urging us onward. They are with us in every worthy endeavor, warming cherishing and encouraging us.

We are not at our best in the functioning of even our present organization. There is a laxation, a looseness, a carelessness in the auxiliaries of the church. The effort is to pass the responsibility on down or up the line, any way to relieve myself. Such responsibility shifted is ours still. For we like Pilate may lightly wash the hands, but the heart must bear the everlasting, shameful blemish.

No dodge is either laziness or cowardice. Either one or both is disgraceful. "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments oh Jerusalem, the Holy City. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bonds of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion." Jer.52:1

WE ARE NOT AT OUR BEST IN MORAL COURAGE

It is admitted that morale, bravery and character are elements that must constitute fortitude and courage. The lack of permanent employment, subjections to the conditions of relief, doles, the breadline, the intense cold, death, sickness, and many other sundry conditions have shattered the morale, broken down the ambition of our people and the Christian families. These have made of us dumb dogs that will not bark. The Bible pronounces woe to them that are at ease, sleep, and unconcerned in Zion. "Like Jeremiah of old, we would that our head were waters and our eyes were a fountain of tears that we might weep day and night for the condition of Zion."

We are not our best in soul saving and reclaiming the weak and backslidden members of our fold. Sinners are yet waiting to be saved, they are defying the army of God. Within a stone cast, there are dens of wicked devils in which sinners take refuge without fear of disturbance. All around the church and throughout the city the streets and homes are filled with confessing Christians that have not been even invited, to say nothing of coersed, to come to the house of Zion. They stand idle because "no man has hired us." O saints, where is thy zeal, prophets, where is thy message?

In the grand stand today thousand, yea multiplied thousands are watching and waiting for us to play well our part. Of the great cloud of witnesses that are anxiously awaiting in the grand stand of the redeemed, there are the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac an dJacob; Moses, the writer of the five books of the law or the Pentateuch; the major and minor prophets. Of the New Testament witnesses, we have the twelve apostles, Paul, who was beheaded at Nero's chopping block, John that was banished upon the rock Island of Patmas for being one of the apostles of our Lord and one of the leaders of the New faith. Thereis Clement of Rome, Tertullian of Carthage, Irenaeus of Lyons, Ignatius of Antioch, constitute a great cloud of witnesses that have passed their torch on to us while they being weary, fell on to sleep.

It remains then for us to arise and limit if found only in the standard as to renew our strength and zeal. The set by Jesus our only perfect example. Our best is in him. In Adam we fell from our best: in Christ only do we regain our best.

HBA Board Direction

Dear Editor: This comes to let the many readers know that lodge No. 317 is entertaining th March Board at Baldwyn M. E. Church. Those coming N. 45 from Macon, come one mile from Cavett Store and turn west. Those coming No. 25 from Macon, after you pass Mt. Moriah Church, turn east on to Baldwyn M.E. church.

I. M. Moore, President.

Dear Editor. This comes to inform all that the Board will be held in Quitman on Saturday, March 2. Come to McRee Cafe on No. 45 highway and go one block west and then one block south. Place, the church of God, in town.

Brown McRee.

BOARD TO MEET IN COLLINS

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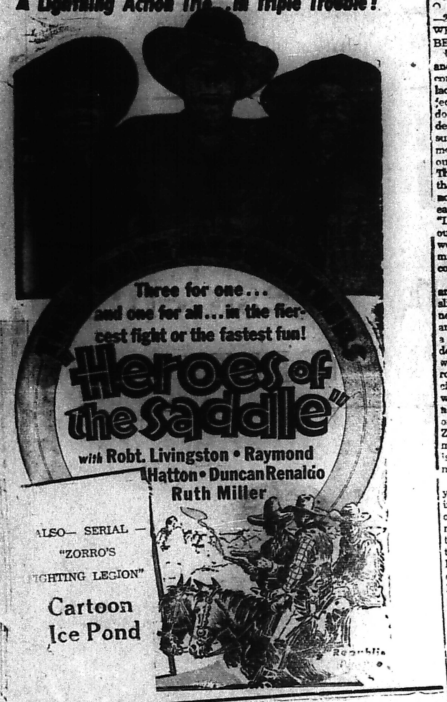
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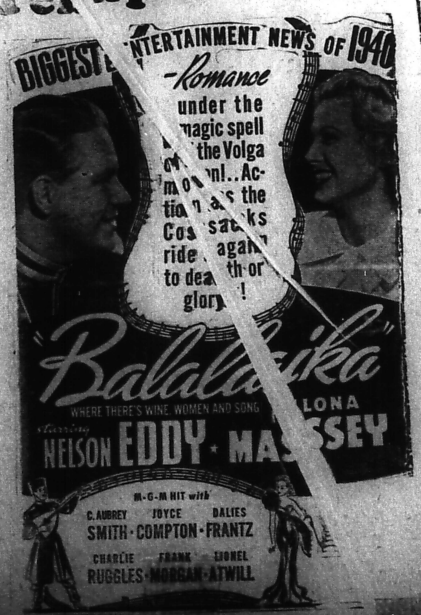
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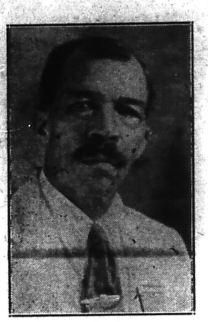
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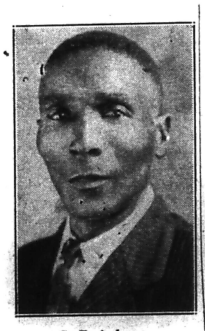
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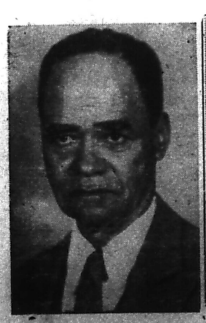
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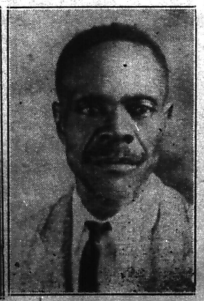
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MANY OPPOSE FREE TEXT BOOK MEASURE

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There is Much Opposition To The Amendment Of The McCoy-Owens

Free Text Book Measure In Mississippi

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Sends Letters

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Sends Letters

Colored people over the State of Mississippi in general are very much opposed to the amendment to the McCoy-Owens text book measure that is now before the law making body in Jackson, Mississippi. According to reports, quite a few white friends all over the state are in sympathy with the colored people.

We think that it is necessary for us as a group to continue our disapproval not in a manner that will cause friction, for that is not the way to get things done. We want to continue Registering our disapproval in the Christ like way and let us appeal to the good reasoning and good judgment of our white friends until something is done along these lines.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of which the Reverend T. W. Wise as president with a large number of the ministers present Tuesday morning appointed a committee to write a letter and send to Gov. Paul B. Johnson, praying that he use his influence against the passage of this bill. The following is a copy of the letter to the governor:

LETTER

Meridian, Mississippi
February 13, 1940

The Honorable Paul B. Johnson
Governor of the State of Mississippi
Jackson, Mississippi

Sir:

According to reports of Tuesday, February 6th, eight leading educators of Mississippi have asked a State Senate Committee to revise the McCoy-Owens text book bill so that white and Negro children could be taught from different text, for the purpose of depriving Negro children from being taught the same principles of voting, rights and responsibilities that are taught the white pupils.

If, and when this amendment comes up for final passage, we the Colored Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Meridian, Mississippi representing that group that will be infringed upon, do very respectfully and prayerfully petition you to use your influence against the passage of the bill, which we feel is unfair to us as a race.

We are sending copies of this letter to other white friends who we feel are interested in our cause.

Very respectfully,
INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
By T. W. Wise, President
L. B. Williams, Secretary.

Mrs Bertha Johnson

The above is the likeness of Mrs Bertha Johnson, the charming wife of Rev. Will Johnson of Marion, Miss. Mrs. Johnson is president of Lodge No. 25 and an agent for the Meridian Burial Association. She is an officer of St. Peter's M. E. Church of Marion. She is always interested in her work.

BANQUET LAUNCHES WARD F...

Bishop Drive

With many friends from both China and other sections of the fourth district in attendance, a banquet at Poro College Tuesday night launched a campaign to have the Rev. A. Wayman Ward, pastor of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church, Chicago, elected to the bishopric at the A.M.E. General conference in Detroit next May. Shown in the picture, standing, left to right, are Rev. M. E. B. Perk Robert Thomas, G. W. Baber, Detroit; W. H. Griffin, M. R. Dixon, St. Louis; C. W. Blakelep, Little Rock; and J. D. Howell, Detroit. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Janet W. Ward, wife of the candidate; Bishop R. A. Carter of the C. M. E. church; Bishop W. J. Walls of A. M. E. Zion; Rev. Ward, Dr. Charles Thompson and D. S. Ensminger. Col. and Mrs. William E. Harmon have backs to camera. (ANP)

CALLED TO ALABAMA

Reverend B. Washington Coates Called to First Baptist Church Uniontown

The Reverend B. Washington Coates, the popular pastor of Union Baptist Church of this city, has been called to the pastorate of the First Missionary Baptist Church, in Uniontown, Alabama. This is about the third major opportunity that Dr. Coates has had to serve in Alabama since being a city pastor in Meridian. He was called as Assistant to the Dean of Theology in Selma University, Selma, Alabama. He was also called to one of the leading baptist churches of Mobile and now he has been called to Uniontown.

Dr. Coates has conducted two or three revivals at this particular church in Uniontown and he is known in Alabama and Mississippi as a strong and forceful pulpiteer.

We do not know as to whether our friend will accept the Uniontown call or not, however, Meridian is not ready to give him up. He has not only meant much to the city in a spiritual way, but as a civic leader. He has a steady and cool disposition and usually knows how to do things, as well as knowing how to have things done.

To the members of Union Baptist Church: the time is not ripe for the departure of Reverend Coates. There is much work to be done in our city and our friend and brother can be a great asset to us in doing the job.

He opened the field for us to have a colored Notary Public. He was the first colored Notary Public to our knowledge and now we have others of our group who are Notary Publics.

Protecting The Unborn Child

By Mrs Wm. E. Miller

During the past two years there has been increased interest in the prevention treatment of veneral diseases. The Federal and State health authorities have cooperated with the various private agencies to help check the ravages of venereal diseases, particularly syphilis. Naturally the question arises where should treatments be initiated? For our answer we say that first steps should be to prevent the disease from infecting the coming of the unborn generation of children.

To adequately protect the unborn child the disease must be prevented if possible in the expectant mother. In the event that the expectant mother is infected with syphilis then she should be intensively treated in order that her life span may be increased and the disease prevented in the baby. Thus we see that it is imperative that all expectant mothers have a general physical examination and a blood test as soon as pregnancy is determned and for each month thereafter until the child is born. By repeated examinations of the expectant mother any abnormal or diseased condition may be detected and thus the health of the unborn child safeguarded and protected.

MT. OLIVE, Miss., Box 1, Feb. 8. 1940

Dear Rev. Young: I am not a subscriber for the Weekly Echo, however, I am sending in a small subscription. I want to read your paper. I am particularly interested in the issue of February 2nd, which carries the following editorial: "I am a Snake and a Human Snake." Please mail me a copy of that issue.

Miss Evelyn Magee

About Folk We Know

Mr. E. F. Young, proprietor of the E. F. Young, Jr., Barber Shop and Beauty Salon was confined to his bed last week with an attack of the Flu.

The funeral of Mrs. Minnie Humphrey was held Wednesday, Feb. 7. The funeral oration was delivered by her pastor, the Rev. E. A. Mays. Her many, many friends attested their love in the form of telegrams and a profusion of lovely flowers.

Mrs. Hattie Lockett formerly of Meridian, but now residing in Chicago is in the city. Mrs. Lockett came to the city for the funeral of the late Mrs. Minnie Humphrey. Accordding to reports, she will spend some time in the city with friends before returning.

Mrs. R. L. Young, the charming wife of Rev. R. L. Young, accompanied her hubby to Bassfield Friday where he held a quarterly conference at Blackman's Temple Friday night and one at Holly Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Professor A. C. Drummond of lodge No. 337 of Newton, Mississippi, and Rev. R. H. Ooten of Lawrence, Miss. were in the H. B. A. office on business.

Mr. T. C. Miller is a hustling agent for the Meridian Burial Association.

Mr. E. F. Young, Jr., was the guest speaker in keeping with Negro History week at the Jasper County Agriculture School of Rose Hill, Miss.

Mr. J. H. Coates of Jackson, Miss., was in the city this week. Mr. Coates is connected with the Universal Life Insurance Company.

Mr. J. B. Barber of Hickory, Miss., a member of lodge No. 300, passed last week.

Mr. E. M. Dunn wants the entire sociation to know that he is increasing his membership at Hiwanee, Mississippi. He states that there are

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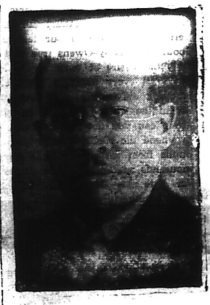
PIANIST PRAISED FOR CONCERT

Orville Moseley, head of the music department at Southern university, who won praise for his program as featured artist on the B. Sharp Musical club's Mardi Gras concert in New Orleans recently. A graduate of the Chicago Musical College, he is himself a composer, is just now completing a symphony. (ANP Photo)

R. L. Tyus Colored Salesman

GETS FISK APPOINTMENT



On February first Randall L. Tyus, for seven years salesman for the Rumford Baking Powder Company, was added to the Endowment Campaign Staff of Fisk University. Mr. Tyus was graduated from Fisk University in 1932 and since that time had been engaged by the Rumford Company up to the time of his appointment by Fisk. When Mr. Tyus entered the employ of Rumford he had the natural ability and ambition to become a salesman but no actual experience as that afforded by the Rumford Company However, by hard study and close application he gradually forged ahead of those who had been in the Company's employ for years and it must be remembered that all of the sales force of the Rumford Company had been exclusively white until the employment of Mr. Tyus. It was Fisk University that broke down the color line in the Rumford Company's sales force thru Mr. Paul K. Edwards, at that time head of the Department of Economics, Mr. Edwards showe dthe company the possibilities of the Negro market and recommended Randall D. Tyus. Mr. Tyus has received many commendations during his rapid rise in the Company and leaves behind him a perfect record with Rumford and the officials of the Company regretting to lose him.

However, Fisk is wiser Tyus caught his vision. He caught the spirit then and is now firmly convinced after seven years of keenest competition in one of America's best trained sales forces that there is no color line in ability when given a fighting chance. Mr. Tyus comes to the Endowment Campaign of Fisk University at a very opportune time. Already over one-half of the $3,000,000 additional endowment to be raised by June 30, 1940, has been secured. Definite commitments are being favorably considered by large foundations and philanthropists which should be sufficient to close the campaign successfully provided Fisk can

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Editorial

In The Same Hour Came Forth Fingers Of A Man's Hand And Wrote Daniel 5th Chapter & 5th Verse

If one would read the 5th Chapter and 5th Verse of the book of Daniel, he will find the above quotation. In this editorial we should like to call the race's attention to the hand writting on the wall. Belshazzar, the king was having a great feast and while tasting the wine himself and while making preparation for his princesses, his wives and his concubines to drink also, a hand was getting ready to write upon the wall and king Belshazzar was not able to read the handwriting. After reading the newspapers last week and after conversing with some of our leading citizens, both white and colored, about the McCoy-Owens free text book bill and noting carefully that it is the desire of some of the leading white educators in Miss. to put forth every effort to prevent the Negroes of Mississippi from studying the principles of voting, rights and responsibilities that are taught the white pupils. I am forced to ask the members of our group can you not see the hand writing on the wall? The attempt to amend the McCoy-Owens text book bill in order to prevent Negro pupils from certain rights is going to cost the tax payers of Miss. thousands of dollars that's unnecessary and the legislative body of our state may amend this bill and pass this unfair, unconstitutional and unbrotherly amendment .

There were nine (9) representatives of our group who WERE permitted to have a conference with our city school superintendent of education with reference to this particular matter. We feel that the conference with our superintendent will in some way mean much to us as a minority group. We do not mean to infer that the bill as amended will not be passed and as a matter of fact we believe that the white educators along with many others, think that it should pass, however, the nine members of the Negro race in CONFERENCE with the superintendent feel deep down in their HEARTS that it should not pass and since the bill seems destined to become law, we as a race may as well wake up and begin reading the handwritting on the wall. We wish that we could see the resemblance of one thing in the bill that will HELP the Negro. We can see quite a bit in the bill that will tend toward HOLDING him down, and yet, every red blooded Negro in the state of Mississippi ought to begin from this day, if he has not already begun, to look out for himself.

There is no need to attempt to make the white man do one thing. It cannot be done. If we cannot prevail and reason with the south to be more liberal in its attitude from an educational standpoint to our group, we will never get anywhere.

Statistics

Statistics show that we have 996,856 white people in Mississippi. We have 1, 009,718 Negroes. In 1939 there was spent for whites, $12,035,969 .87; there was spent for Negores, $1,491,932.89. There was spent in Mississippi in 1939, $10,544,036.98 more for white than for colored. Or in other words, there was spent practically $10.00 on a white child and $1.00 on the Negro child, with about 12,862 more colored people in Mississippi than white.

We have in Mississippi a school enrollment of 306,863 white. We have 299,247 colored. The white people have 9,575 teachers to teach 306,863 pupils. The Negroes have5,930 teachers to teach 299,387 pupils.

Will you please study these statistics and see the vast difference. We are informed that the Negro teachers' salary as a rule in Mississippi is from $15.00, $25.00 and $35.00. In a few cases a little more. Why not pay more and some of the Negroes who leave Mississippi by the hundreds seeking better paying JOBS will BE GLAD to work right in Mississippi. Colored man, can you not see the hand writting on the wall?

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. R L. Young, P. E

FEBRUARY 18. 1940

GOOD CITIZENS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS— Mattrew 22:15; 23:39
Printed Text: Matt. 22:15-22, 34-40

Golden Text— Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Matt. 22:39.

Matthew 22:15. Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ensnare him in his talk.

16. And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that thou are true, and teachest the way of God in truth, and carest not for any one: for thou regardest not the person of men.

17. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

18. But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why make ye trial of me, ye hypocrites?

19. Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a denarius.

20. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21. They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

22. And when they heard it, they marvelled, and left him, and went away.

34. But the Pharasees, when they heard that he had put the Saddusees to silence, gathered themselves together.

35. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, trying him:

36. Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?

37. An dhe said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38. This is the great an dfirst commandment.

39. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

40. On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.

About Folk We Know

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two things that he is interested in and they are, a large membership and a round report.

Mrs. Jennie Moore, president of Lodge No. 119 at Waynesboro, wants the readers to know that she has lost a faithful members, in the person of Brother Taylor Howard.

Mr. "Green" (Rev. Z. D. Brent was in the office Monday of this week on business pertaining to the Good Hope Circuit.

Mrs. Cora McDonald, secretary of Lodge No. 74 states that they have lost a faithful member in the person of Brother Will Willis. This lodge is located at Stonewall.

Mr. W. E. Edwards of Shubuta wants the other presidents and office to know that he is still in the race to reach the required number of 15 members. He states that he is sending in one application and has one on file. These will give him the required number. Hurrah for Brother Edwards.

Miss Emma B. Ivy, principal of the East End School is improving from her home after a lengthy illness.

Miss Ivy underwent a local operation last week and her condition seems to be much better.

The East End School according to reports from Miss Helen Hamilton, Assistant Principal, is celebarting Negro History Week.

Meadames Lucy Brown president of Lodge No. 33 and Mary Jane Moore, president of Lodge No. 72 were in the office tris week on business pertaining to their particular lodges.

Little Annie Laura Young, daughter of Bpt. and Mrs. T. J. Young of 1906 12th Ave., has been spending a while with her aunts, Meadames Ethel Young and Lenora Elliott at 2001 31st Ave.

Misses Lillian Brown, Annie Reed and Benjiman Taylor were idnner guests of Mrs. Lula Larkin and family Sunday.

Mrs. R. C. Williams of Route 4, is critically ill from her residence. Her two daughters Mrs. D. I. Jordan of Youngstown, Ohio and Mrs. Vitrula Murry of Kansas City, Kansas, together with her grandson, Mr. Sigmond Williams,Jr., of Kansas City, Kansas are at her bedside.

Rev. R. L. Young, presiding elder of the Meridian District, C. M. E. Church has his program for Easter in the hands of all his pastors.

BOARDS

Dear Presidents: The March Boards are scheduled to meet as follows:

Friday, March 1, Dekalb, Miss., H. C Jennings, president.

Saturday, March 2, Quitman, Miss.; Brown McRee, president.

The Boads will open at 9:00 A. M. on Saturday in order that we might wind up our business by 1:30 o'clock. Monday, March 4, Collins, Miss. Wm Boykins, president

Wednesday, March 6, Deerbrook, Miss I M Moore, president

Thursday, March 7, Braxton, Miss., A G Kennedy, president.

BOARD COLLECTION

All presidents are requested to collect $1.25 per member and report same in the March Board. We are hope to pay more Death Claims in the March Boards than we paid in December. In order to do this it is going to be necessary that we grave our lodges and collect from ALL of it members.

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Mrs. Anna Mcmillion, Hickory	2
James Patrick, Hattiesburg	1
Will Bradford, Heidelberg	1
Levi Hearn, Quitman	1
Total new members reported this week	6
Total number of members needed by February 25th	32

B. M. H.— Please tell me if I will get a better job soon and if so will it be here in this city or not?

Ans: A very good job is scheduled for you this very month. One in the city where you are located at present. One in your position must apply at employment agencies or advertise in the local papers in order to get work.

D. F.— I told my husband that we were expecting a baby and he told me to go back to my parents and I did. Now he is acting very peculiar since I left and I want to know what is the meaning of it?

Ans: Pack your duds and go back to your husband the very day you read this message. You are his responsibility and if you don't stick to him and make him support you now, then you won't have a husband. It isn't your parent's place to care for you and his expectant child when it arrives, so go back and make him do right by you.

L. J.— Dear Sir: it is a woman who has my husband and has had him now for eight years and I want to know will you get her out of the way for me but I must tell you she has a strong hand on him

Ans: She seems to have what it takes to keep your husband satisfied and there isn't going to be an immedate change in his actions. Stop worrying about him, and try to get a little fun out of life yourself. Although—see that he supports you as he should for you are his legal wife.

O. M. C.— I have been going with this boy for eight years. Now this last year I have dated other boys and this fellow tells me if I do this again that he will call the whole thing off. What must I do?

Ans: It seems to me that this fellow you have been going with for eight years can't demand all of your time if he doesn't anticipate marriage, and surely he has known you long enough to know whether he wants you for a wife or not. Give him the air and go with the other fellows and you will get a husband.

G. B.— Who circulated this story on me and will it be cleared up or will it continue to get worse?

Ans: The very young man that you think you are in love with let the 'cat out of the bag'—no one else knew anything about this particular incident but you two. You had better watch your step and you won't have to face such accusations.

R. T.— I am making plans to enter nursing school this summer but there are many people who are trying desperately not to see me make a nurse. Should I pay them any attention?

Ans: No. A course in nursing would certainly be an honorable profession and you would make a very good nurse. Why don't you just take your mother's advice and let the other people talk—she knows what is best and she followed the nursing field herself.

L. C.— Last year I sent for my Astrology Reading and I wish to know if I send a quarter this year can I get my reading for this year.

Ans: Yes, you may. Be sure to send your full name, birthdate and correct birthdate along with your letter and if you like, I will be glad to analyze your case—send three questions along with your remittance for my new 1940 Astrology Reading.

HBA Board Direction

Dear Editor: This comes to let the many readers know that lodge No. 317 is entertaining th March Board at Baldwyn M. E. Church. Those coming No. 45 from Macon, come one mile from Cavett Store and turn west. Those coming No. 25 from Macon, after you pass Mt. Moriah Church, turn east on to Baldwyn M.E. church.

I. M. Moore, President.

Dear Editor. This comes to inform all that the Board will be held in Quitman on Saturday, March 2. Come to McRee Cafe on No. 45 Highway and go one block west and then one block south. Place, the church of God, in town.

Brown McRee.

BOARD TO MEET IN COLLINS

The Board will be held at Collins, Mississippi, in Leach's Chapel C.M.E. Church, right in the colored section of the town.

W. M. Boykins, President.

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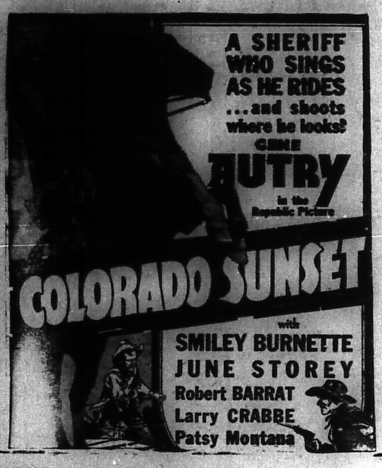

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Well, Mr. Ed, I notice in de last week's paper where a fello' was talkin' 'bout puttin' in a florist in dere at Meridian. Now, he said he wanted it to be a colored florist. O' course dat means de colored folks don't it, Mr. Ed? Now, yo' take dat kind o' business dat's a fine thing ain't it Mr. Ed? Now, speck dey can sell a 'hole lots of flowers to de folks what has kinfolks whats dead can't dey Mr Ed? Now, take dat dar H. B. A. it leaves all de way from 28 to 30 folks to die every 3 months don't dey Mr. Ed and I am pirty shore all o' dem can git some o' dem flowers, 'cause dey gits de money when dey die, dont dey Mr. Ed?

O' course de flowers aughta be gaved to dem fo' dey die aught'n dey Mr. Ed?

Now, Mr. Ed, I des was thinkin' bout de ways folks can travel and how many directions a person can travel in and I found out dat a person can travel—yo' know I means he can go in two opposite directions at de same time. Now, Mr. Ed, yo' is a wise person but I des b'lieve yo' can't tell me how he can do dat; and tell me what is dem directions.

Now, if yo' is gwina be gived de name o' de "wittiest o' wisdom," 'Cause dat is sharly 'nough wisdom ain't it, Mr. Ed? Now, yo' can des give yo' answer to de editor o' de Echo and he will tell me fo' yo' I'll tell yo' if yo' be correct.

Yers truly,
"MR. GREEN".

H. B. A. Death Claims

Death Claims—

The following claims have been reported by the following presidents to be pad off in the March Boards:

1. Mary Bell Albert, No. 72 Tom Smith, President, Complete.

2. Mary Windom, No. 148, C. H. Moody, President, Laurel.

3. Euga Magee, No. 116, Ellis Walker President, Mt. Olive.

Charlie Jones, No. 300, Mrs. Anna McMillion, President, Hickory.

5. Geneva Norman, No. 300, Mrs. Anna McMillion, President, Hickory.

6. Janie Johnson, No. 63, Johnnie Cole, President, Carson.

7. J. W. Thompson, No. 133, W. J. Rankin, President, Magee.

8. C. H. Crosby, No. 105, L. B. Marshall, President, Wiggins.

9. Syphia Davis, No. 139, Jack Davis, President, Meridian.

10. Simon Jones, No. 231, Joe Knox, President, Hattiesburg.

11. Laura Williams, No. 185, W. T Tate, President, Brooksville.

12. Ida Gillespie, No. 93, G. E. Anderson, Persident, Shuqualak.

13. Hannah Webber, No. 93, G. E. Anderson, President, Shuqualak.

14. Kizzie Warren, No. 430, Jim Collins, President, Lauel.

15. Sam Richey, No. 103, A. Evans President, Sandersville.

16. Ben Thornton, No. 31, Wm. Bell President, Lauderdale.

17. Flora Jones, No. 218, H. S. Jones President, Paulding.

18. Marie Roberts, No. 222, Allen Woodward, President, Shubuta.

19. Peter Lofton, No. 339, I. M. McNair, President, Mt. Olive.

20. Rachel Williams No. 31, Wm Bell, President, Lauderdale.

21. C. W. Sharman, No. 8?, John Scott, President, Stonewall.

22. Wm. Stokes, No. 125, R. C. Cole President, Collinsville.

23. Glover Mack, No. 253, E. F. Young, Jr., President, Meridian.

24. Will Willis, No. 74, A Manuel, President, Stonewall.

25. Tyrene Pew, No. 92, G. B. Arrington, Presiednt, Laurel.

26. W. T. Williams, No. 337, Prof. A. C. Drummond, President, Newton.

27. Taylor Howard, No. 119, Mrs Jennie Moore, President, Waynesboro

28. Levi Johnson, No. 387, Mrs. Pinkie Lee, President, Lambert.

29. Nettie Barney, No. 20, W. H Knott, President, Kewanee.

30. Tom Capmbell. No. 212. A. L. Williams, President, Pachuta.

31. J. B. Barber, No. 300, Mrs. Anna McMilllon, President, Hickory.

RECORD BOOKS

The news has come to the office that some of our local presidents do not have our regular official secretary records for their lodges. Brethren if you do not have an official secretary record obtained from the office please get one at once. Each local lodge must have an official record in which to keep the proceedings of your business.

We are also asking each lodge to subscribe for the Echo for the secretary of your lodge, in order to protect the members and the association. We will be forced to make this request of you and we shall be compelled to see to it that all lodges respond.

REV. E. F. YOUNG, President

Sick Committee Order Blank Books

We now have on hand sick committee Order Blank Books for the various lodges. These blanks are for the Sick Committee to give a written order to the doctor, to make visits to the sick member and order blanks to the drug store to fill prescriptions. Presidents are requested to have their lodges get these blanks at their earliest convenience not later than the H. B. A. Boards in March.

Confidential TO MEN ONLY

GEORGE: What the heck happened to your Uncle John's hair? For years it was gray; he looked old. Now it is jet black and he looks 15 years younger. I can't understand it!

HENRY: It's supposed to be a secret, George, but I'll tell you. He colored his hair with Godefroy's Larieuse. Yep! . . . and "judged" a little on his age — got himself a good job. Better watch out, George; Uncle John might steal your girl friend.

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This is leap year and so you are allowed free rein in the pursuit of romance. Not that any girl at this day and age waits for leap year or Saddie Hawkins day to go out and get her man, but leap year should give added incentive not to let another year go by without having something to show for it.

Even in leap year, however, the huntress should not show her intent too plainly. A little subtlety goes a long way toward ensnaring the victim of the chase. You have heard the old theory that a man likes to be pursued only if he feels in his heart that he is the aggressor. So rather than encourage you to go out and stalk your prey too obviously, I would suggest that you try the subtler methods of gaining your point.

Play Up to Masculine Ego

Men, so the saying goes, like women to be feminine. So regardless of your fondness for tailored clothes, sweaters and skirts, and the like, have at least one or two frilly dresses to wear when you set out to trap your victim. And even if you can hold down a good job and take care of yourself in fine fashion, be a bit helpless and dependent when you are with the man of the moment. He'll soon fall in love with you if you make him feel big and strong and protective. And don't embarrass him in anything, whether it be athletics or a game of wits. Men like women to be intelligent, but they still want to feel superior. All of which rids up to the fact that you must play up to the masculine ego, and the cleverer you are, the simpler you will appear.

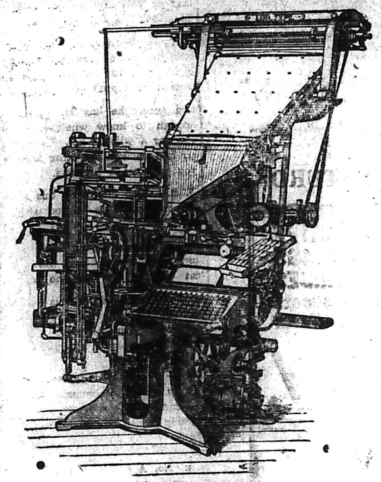
Artifice Need Not Be Artificial

And don't overdo it. The age-old lure of cosmetics is so great that any man will pay tribute to a girl with flawless skin and gleaming black hair. And if nature didn't endow you with all the charms you need, don't hesitate to use a bit of artifice. Be careful, however, not to appear artificial. Your make-up should match your skin tone so well that he will be unable to tell where nature stopped and science took over. Select your make-up with care. Be sure that the powder is properly adapted to your skin type and tone. And the same holds true for your rouge and lipstick. Don't take just any shade you happen to see on a counter. Shop around before you make a purchase which may have a lasting influence on your entire life. And if your hair is drab and lifeless, touch it up with a good coloring. It never hurts to improve on nature as long as the improvement looks like nature's own handiwork.

And don't forget to be neat and clean and dainty. Keep your clothes always neat and well-pressed. Don't try to make something "do" for one more time, if it is in need of washing or cleaning. And above all, be fresh yourself. Use a good deodorant as often as necessary. Never risk your daintiness when such a simple precaution will guard it.

All in all, just let him think how wonderful but convinces him by the way you look and act, by the things you say and the things you leave unsaid, that you are wonderful too.

What are your beauty problems? Write Marie Downing, Larieuse Beauty Foundation, Room 521—319 North Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo., and she will be glad to answer them. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.



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The First Ten H.B.A. Stationary Orders To Enter The Office

The following persons were the first ten to send in their orders for stationary. You will note tha we carry eleven (11) in this list. Two have tied, their letters came together in the same mail. We are therefore giving to these eleven persons free stationary and pencils for having been the first ten to place orders.

Thank you, so much.

Mrs. Anna McMillion, Hickory.
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Mr. C. L. Howard, Waynesboro.
Mr. W. H. J. Weaver, Leakesville.
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BIRTH OF A SONG

From ASCAP Files
By Joseph R. Flessler and Paul Carruth

"When Your Heart's On Fire Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"
By Otto Harbach and Jerome Kern

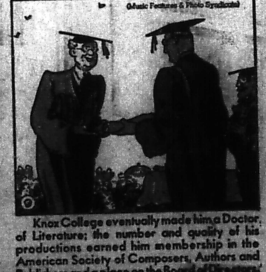
OTTO A. HARBACH, born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., where he won an oratorical contest judged by William Jennings Bryan.

Harbach taught English at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, and then came to New York where he became a reporter.

Then followed advertising work with lyric writing on the side. In 1907 came his first success.

Joseph M. Gaites gave Harbach and Karl Hoschna one hundred dollars each for the operetta "Three Twins," which sky-rocketed Bessie McCoy into fame.

By 1910 Harbach had written "Madam Sherry" and other operettas, and had turned to playwriting as well. He was extremely prolific, and it was not unusual to find several of his works in the bright lights of Broadway at the same time.



Knox College eventually made him a Doctor of Literature; the number and quality of his productions earned him membership in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and a place on the Board of Directors.

Harbach has never lost his touch. For "Roberta," among other songs, he produced "When Your Heart's On Fire, Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." He is now at work, in his Mamaroneck, N. Y., home, on at least one new production.

RUMFORD SALESMAN

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secure $50,000 from the Negro public by June 30, 1940. Andrew J. Allison who is directing the campaign, reported that over $100,000 has been secured in subscriptions and cash from alumni and the Negro public to date and he is confident of the successful culmination with the addition of Mr. Tyus.

Mr. Tyus has been considered almost partner since the city wide campaign conducted in Chicago two years ago. Recently he accompanied President Jones in calling upon Gov. Lowodn of Illinois an dMrs. T. M. Sayman of the Sayman Products Co. of St. Louis, in the hope of interesting them in the Department of Business Administration of Fisk University for the training of Negro salesmen. Mr. Tyus left Chicago in a blaze of Fisk glory, having placed all of his energies and power of organization behind the Fisk-Alpha game on January 28 at the Eighth Illinois Armory where more than 2,000 of the social elite of Chicago witnesd this season's most thrilling basket ball games. Marian Anderson was there and scores of notables of the social register. The Chicago Fisk Club paid a deserving tribute by presenting Mr. Tyus a monogramed brief case to take up his new duties at Fisk University.

A Home Paper with a Home Editor: That Tells the State News Weekly.

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DR. CARVER GIVES $33,000 TO FOUNDATION

N A A C P Campaign Now On

A Campaign to Rejuvenate And Revive Interest In N.A.A.C.P.

Several years ago we had in Meridian the largest and most active branch of the N.A.A.C.P. in the State of Mississippi. The Meridian branch was more than 150 members strong at one time. The Meridian branch sent a large delegation to St. Louis to the National Convention that was held a few years ago. Without a shadow of a doubt, this national organization is the strongest organization for the advancement of our group in the United States. Hundreds of persons in Meridian and Lauderdale County are waking up and seeing the great need of this organization among our people and they are asking that a new interest and a new awakening be created.

A campaign is now on for a membership of 200. The national headquarters is asking for a date at which time it will send one of its national officials to Meridian to help us boost our campaign for members. All persons who are members in good standing are urged to solicit applications for membership. Those who have become delinquent in their dues are asked to renew their membership.

We hope to be able to secure a good energtic and responsible layman to head the organization. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is an organization that has some of the most outstanding white people of the country who are members of the board. And through the cooperation of the best thinking white folk and best thinking colored people, this orvanization can mean much in the advancement of our race.

Important Notice

H.B.A. Board Changed From March 7th to March 5th at Braxton

We are changing the board from Wednesday, March 7th to Tuesday, March 5th. All presidents and members are urged to govern themselves accordingly.

E. F. Young, General President.

World Champion No. 2 Typist

LOS ANGELES, Feb. (ANP) Cortez W. Peters, world's No. 2 typist, is now training the West Coast in the interest of the Royal Typewriter Co., by whom he is employed as an expert typing demonstrator.

Mr. Peters is making his intitial visit to the West Coast, having virtually demonstrated in the majority of remaining states. His tour began on January 11, when he left Washington with his wife, Mrs. Vivian O. Peters. Demonstrations were given en route at Little Rock, Ark., St. Louis, and Kansas City, Mo. A schedule had been arranged for Denver, but had to be temporary omitted because of the severe cold.

Approxinately one month will be spent in and about Los Angeles; two weeks in San Francisco and vicinity with possibly a week in Portland, and also a week in Seattle. Then stops will be made on the way back East. All togethes, the trip should comprise about four montns.

Mr. Peters has an official typing record of 138 net five-stroke words per minute for our hour, attaining this record in the 1937 International Typing contest. Subsequently, he established a new world's record actually ayping 142 words per minute for the houd, but lost credit for the record because of an omission in the copy which occurred during the last minute's writing of the hour. Since this time no other world's championship contest has been held in which Mr. Peters could participate.

At thepresent time the champion typist owns and operates three business schools in Washington, Baltimore, and Chicago.

State Council Over Which Bishop

Gives Life's Saving

About Folk We Know

Mesdames Georgia Harris and Lucy Brown, vice president and president respectively of lodge No. 33 were appointed as a committee by lodge No. 33 to wait upon the General Secretary on matters pertaining to the local lodge.

Mrs. Rosie Williams, mother of Professor L. B. Williams, was laid to rest Sunday, February 18 in Shiloh cemetery.

Misses Ethel, Ora and Rosslyne Humphrey worshipped at Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church Sunday.

Mr. Willie Robinson is confined to his bed with an attack of the Flu.

Mrs. Bessie Bell is still on the sick list, however, she seems to be somewhat improved.

Mrs. Laura Thomas of 1405 24th Avenue, is confined to bed on account of illness.

The program rendered at New Chapel Church Sunday evening sponsored by the choir was very good.

The program rendered at Union High School Sunday 3:00 P. M. was exceptionally good. The program was in keeping with the Annual celebration of Negro History week which began Sunday, Feb. 11 The Haven Rust Club and the choir sponsored the program.

Reverend E. A. Mays, the popular pastor of St. Paul C. E. Church has been confined to his bed for the past week or more with an attack of the Flu.

Mrs. T. Sanders, Jr., the charming wife of Rev. T. Sanders, Jr. of the Bassfield Circuit has been indisposed for several days. News has come to the office that she is improving.

Reverend R. L. Young has had an attack of the Flu since Friday of last week.

Professor F. L. Thomas, County Agent of Lauderdale County has been ill with the Flu.

Friends and members report that Rev. Matthew J. Jones, pastor of Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church, preached a strong sermon last Sunday, filled with fire and the holy ghost.

Stevenson School

ON MARCH 1st

There will be six schools to be represented in the county run off in Quitman, Mississippi on Friday March 1st at Stevenson Vocational Agricultural Junior High School

There will be contests in literary subjects beginning at 9:00 a.m. ending at 12:00 M.

At 1:00 o'clock the out door activities will begin.

There will be plenty of refreshments on hand. Hope everyone will enjoy the big day.

M. E. Hannah, Principal.

The Word of God

By Z. D. Brent

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light". 1st Peter 2:9.

Dedication is an act of setting anything as consecrated, or as a consecration to God. It is said that the Mosiac law ordained that all of the first born of man and beast be consecrated to God. Well, the whole race of Abraham was in a peculiar manner consecrated to God's worship and the tribe of Levi, and the family of Aaron was more immediately consecrated to God an dhis service.. Ex. 13:2 to 12, "Sanctify unto me all the first born, whatsoever openeth a womb among

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State Council Over Which Bishop J. H. Moore Presides Sends Telegram To Law Making Bodies

J. H. Moore Presides

To the legislature and law making bodies of the State of Mississippi in session at Jackson, Mississippi.

GENTLEMEN: We the State Council of the C. M. E. Church o fthe 7th Episcopal District of the State of Mississippi in session at Greenwood, Miss., February 14, 15, 1940, representing 40,000 ministers, laymen and women of the above named church in the State of Mississippi petition you as follows:

Since there is a movement on to revise the McCoy-Owens Textbook Bill and said movement is being sponosred by some of the leading educators of the State of Mississippi, we respectfully and prayerfully petition you to give this bill your prayful attention, since it greatly affects the future progress of our race. The bill, if passed, will deprive Negro children from being taught the same principles of citizenship and responsibilities as are taught white children. As christians, we feel that our children should not be denied the instructions in good and wholesome government. We, therefore, prayfully ask, that you do not pass the bill.

Very respectfully yours,
John Henry Moore,
Presiding Bishop.

The Major Measure

Medical authorities have from time to time made public, certain statistics showing that the greatest problem in the treatment of venereal diseases is the neglect on the part of the public to seek early treatment.

The first half, or more intelligent victims of these diseases allow their false pride to prevent them from taking advantage of the treatments offered by the public health departments, and poverty hampers their regular visits to private physicians.

The other half has not been educated up to the level where they can appreciate the necessity of getting the proper information, from the proper source, thus they become the victims of quackery and other unscrupulous charlatans. It is impossible to impart knowledge that you haven't got, and looking at this problem from my relative position I find there is little the public really knows or can do.

All the public seems to know about these diseases is, that many are afflicted and don't know what to do about it. It is simply up to the public to consult medical authorities now and ever after.

If medical science has as yet discovered any specific aid that may be rendered by the public, it has not as yet made that public or rather has not handed it to the public.

The major measure for the public with such limited knowledge is to lead every right thinking person, whether infected or not, to the physician and let him determine the trouble.

Alas, medical science has come into its own as a great benefactor.

For it is medical science only that can cope with this situation.

You may kill all of the houseflies and mosquitoes; purify all the water and milk, clean up every corner and throw away every empty can, but if you get one of the venereal diseases and fail to consult a competent medical authority you are not going to get well, and if you wait too long you give the physician a hard job and yourself a slim chance for recovery.

—By Melissa O. Wilson.

Dr. Carver Gives His Life's Savings To Tuskegee Foundation

TUSKEGEE Institute, Feb. (ANP—Dr. George W. Carver, aged scientist of Tuskegee Institute, made availble Tuesday to a foundation established in his name, $33,000 in cash and government bonds. The purpose of the foundation is to perpetuate research in creative chemistry, to which Dr. Carver has devoted a lifetime.

Dr. Carver has been willing to give his whole life's savings to the perpetuating of this work because he believes that experimentation along the line of soil building and the utilization of waste as well as the finding new uses for native products represent an important approach to the solution of the economic ills of the South and the nation. It will be the foundation's responsibility also to preserve the Carver museum. This museum constitutes an extensive expedition of the uses of native materials in the construction of useful articles. Infinitive in variety, this museum will also house about 100 vaintinbs representing Dr. Carver's handiwork.

Dr. Carver has expressed the hope that this museum will serve as an inspiration to the youth of all races, revealing to them th dormant possibilities in their native environment. The unselfish gesture is a crowning achievement to a long useful and distinguished service to mankind. The donation of the eminent scientist represents the savings of a lifetime and the amount is significant in that Dr. Carver lost heavily in a bank failure.

Officers of the George Washington Carver foundation are: Dr. F. D. Patterson, preisdent of Tuskegee Institute, Chairman; Lloyd Isaacs, Institute treasurer, vice chairman; Austin W. Curtis, assistant to Dr. Carver, secretary; Dr. George W. Carver, Director of Agriculture Research; R. H. Powell, attorney, Tuskegee, Ala.; Benpamin Russell, Alexander City, Ala. and J. R. Otis, Director, School of Agricuulture.

MERIDIAN— The City Wide Usher Board union met at thte Union Baptist Church Sunday February 18th and held a spiritual meeting; raising the sum of $30.51.

$2.16 was given to the sick.

The next meeting will be held at the 31st Avenue Baptist Church.

D. S. Malone, Cor. Sec.

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Editorial

WAR, WAR, WAR, SHERMAN SAID WAR WAS HELL

We emphatically believe that war is hell. We think that war is "hell" on both ends. That is on the offender and the defender. We presume that England and France feel that Germany is giving them "hell" and Germany may feel the same toward England and France. There is war in Japan and China. In other words, there is "hell'. There's "hell" in Finland even in "Helsinki."

War is playing a big part in foreign countries. We some times wonder if we will be correct in saying that any country, land, race or individual who is being fought is catching 'hell". If we are correct in making such a statement, then let us come home to THE SWEET OLD United States, the home of the free and THE LAND of the brave. It seems to me that there is a war BEING WAGED on the Negro race—economically, mentally and socially. Are we catching war as a group or are we catching "Helsinki."

We are requested to pay taxes on our property; we are requested to pay street and road taxes just as any other race. It is demanded of us that we be good citizens and yet, we ARE DENIED citizenship. We are denied the rights of citizens; WE ARE DENIED the voice of citizens. There is war against the black sons of Ham and we are catching "Helsinki."

Too Poor To Do It

A few days ago a young man walked in my office and offered to buy a three cent stamp for one cent. I was very much impressed with the young fellow, for the reason he meant to buy a stamp for one penny. After having him understand that a 3c stamp would cost 3 pennies, he without a smile remarked "I have one penny." I stated to him that he wanted a postal card. He remarked, "No sir I want a 3c stamp." I later found out that he wanted to write his girl and was too poor to do it.

Another young man came in my office and wanted a suit of clothes He wanted a $25.00 suit and did not have $5.00. He showed me some deep points as to why he should have a $25.00 suit. I offered to help him by giving him half of the money. I wanted him to show me $12.50, but he was too poor to do it. Why attempt to wear $30 and $40 suits when you are too poor to do it? Why drink coca cola, eat ice cream, malted milk and big stick candy when you are too poor to do it? Why try to dress so fine when you are too poor to do it? Why act like Mr. Rockefeller or Mr. Ford when you are too poor to do it? Why spend your money for big banquets, bridge parties taxi fare for card parties when you are too poor to do it? Why stay up half of the night having a big time and too-sleepy to work the next day when you are too poor to do it? Why want to sleep on the job when you are too poor to do it?

Don't spend all of your money on something that is not worthwhile when you are too poor to do it.

Suppose all of us make an attempt this year to stay in our class. Don't attempt to do things that we are too poor to do. Why kill a hog to get lard out of him when he is too poor to do it? (make greese) Why act like you can when you can't and everybody else knows you are too poor to do it? Why use lip stick on your lips and rouge on your cheeks when you are too poor to do it?

Why paint your finger nails and make them look like what they are not, when you are too poor to do it? Rouge, lip stick and finger nail polish are nothing but make believes. Everybody knows that it is not you. Why use all of this "STUFF" when you are too poor to do it? Why eat too much when you are too poor to do it? Just eat enough of whatever you can and then stop. Please don't eat too much when you are too poor to do it.

Free Text Book Measure Fails

First of all, through the ardent prayers of the colored people and their friends in the state of Mississippi and second, by overt actions of colored people and their friends, the free text book measure as amended failed last week. Nothing better could have happened.

We must not stop here. First of all let us trust in God and continue petitioning and asking for those rights that we so justly deserve. We should have in Mississippi a law school for Negro youth; we should have in Mississippi a medical school for Negro youth. We do not enjoy these privileges, however, the time has come for us to respectfully ask for our rights. The supreme court of the United States has rendered a decision in favor of the Negro being provided for along these lines.

To the christian army, lets march to the war front not with swords and guns, for they are not safe. God is opposed to war such as that, even though He suffers it to be at times. If God can set four million slaves free through prayers, He can do the same thing for twelve or thirteen millions of us, who are still "technically" slaves.

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. R L. Young, P. E

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson
FEBRUARY 25.
Sub: Stewards In The Kingdom
Matthew 24, 25

Printed Text, Matt. 25:14—27
Golden Text— Well done, good and faithful servant. Matt. 25:21.

Matthew 25:14. For it is as when a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one to each according to his several ability and he went on his journey.

16. Straightway he that received them, and made other five talents.

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17. In like manner he also that received the two gained other two.

18. But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19. Now after a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them.

20. And he that received the five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst talents came and brought other five unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents.

21. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant thou has been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

2. And he also that received the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents.

23. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy lord,

24. And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, reaping where thou didst not sow, and I knew thee that thou art a hard man, and gathering where thou didst not scatter;

23. And I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own.

WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC

By LOUIS REID

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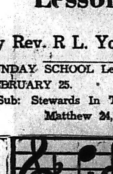

Louis Reid

A PERSISTENT curiosity of this department is why America, the nursery of jazz, has not come forward with a jazz opera. The mahatmas of the Metropolitan would probably welcome such a work, but as yet nothing has come from the masters of what the professors call "the modern idiom."

So busy are the masters prospecting in the Hollywood gold fields that it is unlikely any such work will be forthcoming soon. Thus, what jazz laurels the Met can claim are the Allen contribution of the German, K[illegible]. The latter's opus, "Jonny Spielt Auf," was a jazz opera, but so feeble was its conception of what America knows as jazz that it was promptly shelved after a few performances. It has never been revived.

We would like to see such expert manufacturers of jazz as Dorothy Fields and Jimmy McHugh (remember their "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby!"), Vernon Duke, Harold Arlen (his "Stormy Weather" is one of the great jazz arias), Mack Gordon and Harry Revel, W. C. Handy, Duke Ellington, Ferde Grofe try their hands at an opera. And, perhaps, Roark Bradford or John Dos Passos or Vachel Lindsay, or Carl Sandburg—someone who knows the comedy as well as pathos of the jazz age—might be induced to fashion the libretto, weaving the fabric of restless present-day American civilization into a new operatic form.

At least, such a musical work would be wholly and irrefutably American. It might be the means of breaking down some of the snobbish dependence upon foreign operatic tradition. We do jazz better than we do any other musical form. Indeed, we lead the world in jazz—in melody, in fertility of rhythm, color and variety of instrumentation, but we have yet to put it upon the pedestal of national culture.

The concert hall continues to find room for new jazz written in the highbrow manner—compositions labeled "concerto," with attention paid to French [illegible] and insolence.

Though the popular music world is suddenly finding interest in Jonah, it has not started off the old revival song, "He'll Tell Me All About It Over There." Maybe, you remember the line: "I'll mount the golden strand, take Jonah by the hand, and he'll tell me all about it over there." It was quite a favorite at the old camp meeting just around the bend in the river.

A song that remains popular more than six weeks is a phenomenon. In recent years the following phenomena have been noted: "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "Love a Bloom," "The Last Round Up," "The Music Goes Round," "Stars Fell on Alabama," "Carioca," "Merry Go Round Broke Down."

Publicity seems to have halted entirely concerning Sing Sing's glee club of 100 voices and its orchestra and band of 66 pieces.

DuBose Heyward
A.S.C.A.P.
Author of
"Porgy and Bess"

Passing of the Comic Song

The favor of the comic song with the public seems to have disappeared. Perhaps it is due to because there are few singing comedians left. With the passing of such men as Raymond Hitchcock, Sam Bernard, Lew Dockstader, Eddie Foy, Fred De Angelis, all of whose used to pay good prices for ditties, the comic song industry went into a decline. When these comedians were flourishing we had such dances as Who Paid the Rent for Mrs. Rip Van Winkle?", "All Dressed Up and No Place to Go," "Tawmany," "Everybody Works but Father" and so on. In some instances, a good comic song spelled the difference between success and failure for a show.

Rudy Valles, Walter O'Keefe and others revived and refurbished the old comic ballad, "The Man on the Flying Trapeze," and started it upon a briefly popular career. Occasionally, England has sent over a comic song—there was "All the King's Horses"—but the race is to the sentimental song. Songwriting immortality is to those who sing of love and moonshine in fox-trot or ¾ time.

Don't hear much scat singing any more. For a time there was a very epidemic of hot-cha-cha-cha, hi-de-hi-hi-hi, skid-a-ma-rinky-dee, ump-a-dump-i-dah.

Way back, there was "Tecka Hula Hickey Hula" and Von Tilzer's "Oh, How I Could Yacki Hacki Wicki Hoo!" The latter opus could [illegible]

H. B. A. Boards Open March [illegible]rst

H.B.A. BOARDS OPEN MARCH 1st

To the persidents and members of the H.B.A.: We are sure that you are getting ready for our quarterly board meetings of the H.B.A., which open March first. You will note in this week's issue of the Echo that our number of deaths has grown by leaps and bounds. In the Decemb r Boards we had 19 claims to be paid. Our death list for this quarter is almost doubled in number to that of the last board it is going to be urgently

28. But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter;

27. Thou oughtest therefore to put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own interest.

necessary that each member in the association pay his March assessment. You will note that we are paying the same amounts, $1.25, that was paid in December.

We urged our presidents to give us 150 members from January 8th to February 25th. You have done extremely well under the weather conditions, however, you are going to fail in givng us the required number unless a big pull is made this week. We do however, wish to congratulate you on the splendid pull that you have made.

We are having many deaths. Some are members who have been in he association for years and we have two presidents who are having deaths of persons who have just renewed in the H. B. A.. It is going to be

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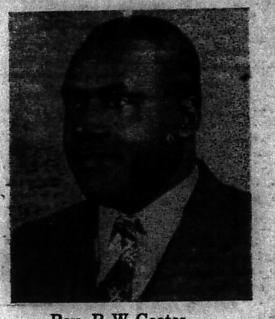

Rev. B W Coates

In The Beginning Was the Word
John 1:1

Introduction: Conjecture gives many angles to the begnning of beings and things. Theorist and evolutionists have placed many and varied interpertations upon the origin of creation. But beneath the Pseudo idea of them all is the everlasting and eternal God. Hence, it is rather befitting that in these times of skepticism and doubt that due emphasis should be placed upon the validity, importance and durability of God's word.

The discussion into which we are about to enter resolves itself into the following propositions:

I. God's word in the beginning or creation of things and man.

(a) In the word was life. John 1:4
1. Life for the creative act.
2. Life for nature.
3. Life for animals.

II. God's word in the creation of man.

A. Man is a special work of creation.
(1) He is made in the image of God.
(2) He has mental and soul faculties.
(a) Mental faculties: Power to think and reason; to discriminate and judge.
(b) Soul faculties: Passions to love and rejoice; sorrow and sympathize.
(3) He has capacity for growth and development.

III. God's word against sin.

Sin had its origin in an attempt to deceive.

A. In the coolness of His passion, God's word came into the garden chasing hidden man.
(1) The dialogue between God and man.
(2) The curse pronounced.
(3) The expulsion from the garden.

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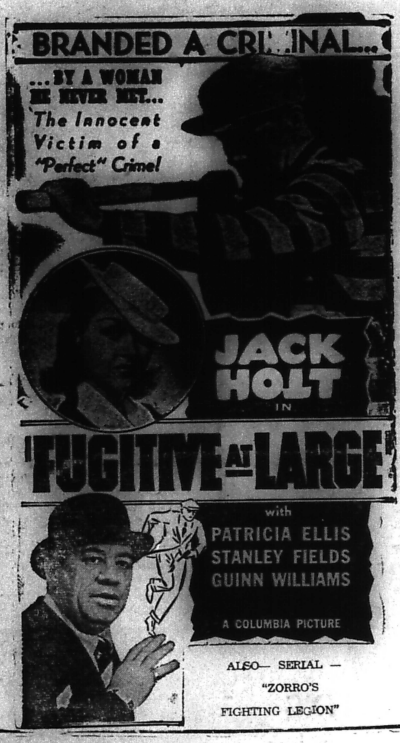

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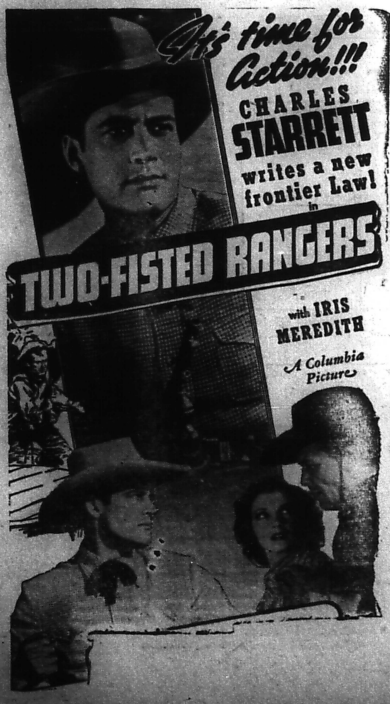

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W. C. S.— I have been going with this man for over two years and he seems to think an awful lot of me and I wish to know if I should marry him or not?

Ans: He loves you—but he certainly is one of the most jealous individuals that you will ever come in contact with, and for this reason alone, he will make your life miserable if you let him. You could marry and be happy, but you must watch your step and not give him anything to be jealous about.

A. C. H.— Will I get to enter nursing school and tell me if I will be satisfied enough to stay there?

Ans: Make your plans to enter this school for nurses—you must prepare to stay there until you have finished your course. The work will be hard but it will be ever so pleasant and different from your past life and you will make quite an efficient nurse.

H. C.—Tell me please who sent me this bicycle as I have been at a wonder since it came. Mother does not know anything about it but she has her idea and I wonder if it is true?

Ans: Yes, her suspicions are quite right. Your father did send the bicycle. He would like nothing better than to make up with her so that she would take him back again. I predict a reconciliation this year and you all three will be happy again.

H. C. R.— Is my cousin going to send for me this month and will I like it up there?

Ans: This cousin of yours doesn't have the money to send for you right away—if you expect to get to Kansas City by Spring, it wil lb necessary for you to make a little money yourself in order to pay your fare.

M. T.— Should we keep on as we are or should I make a change altogether as I am beginning to see a few things that I never before realized?

Ans: You are getting the "run-round". He thinks that he is pulling a fast one on you and that you won't get wise. Stop seeing him altogether for a while and he will soon get over this little affair that he is having with this school girl.

H. R.— Will my job pay more money anytime soon as I am very worried at this writing?

Ans: No—you will continue on the same salary as long as you work for the person where you are employed right onw. You are capable to holding down a more responsible job—and you should be making more money. Get out and try to find something better to do.

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The Word of God

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the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine." Twelfth verse says, "That thou shalt set apart unto the Lord all that openeth a matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a breast which thou has; the male shall be the Lord's.

Fifteenth verse, "And it came to pass, when Pharoah would hardly let us go, that the Lord slew all the first born in the land of Egypt both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the first born of my children I redeemed. Num. 3:12. "And I, behold I, have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn of Israel; therefore, the Levites shall be mine." Hannah gave her son to serve in the tabernacle fo rlife. Sam. 1:11.

The Heberws sometimes devoted their fields, cattle, and spoils taken in war.

Ministers of the gospel are peculiarly set apart, and consecrated to preach the gospel of the Son of God.

Thus, it is from these passages that God will carry on his work and support the interest of Jesus Christ in the world in spite of falseness of pretended friends, and the opposition of his worst enemies:

1st. All true christians are a chosen geenration.

2nd. All the servants are a royal genegation.

3rd. All of God's children are peculiar in their life and work.

4th. All of God's children will answer to his call.

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H. B. A. Death List

The following deaths have been reported by the following presidents to be paid off in the March Boards:

1. Mary Bell Albert, No. 72 Thos Smith, President, Complete.

2. Mary Windom, No. 148, C. H. Moody, President, Laurel.

3. Euga Magee, No. 116, Ellis Walker President, Mt. Olive.

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6. Jamie Johnson, No. 63, Johnnie Cole, President, Carson.

7. J. W. Thompson, No. 133, W. J. Rankin, President, Magee.

8. C. H. Crosby, No. 105, L. B. Marshall,President, Wiggins.

9. Syphia Davis, No. 139, Jack Davis, President, Meridian.

10. Simon Jones, No. 231, Joe Knox, President, Hattiesburg.

11. Laura Williams, No. 185, W. T. Tate, President, Brooksville.

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13. Hannah Webber, No. 93, G. E. Anderson, President, Shuqualak.

14. Kizzie Warren, No. 430, Jim Collins, President, Lauel.

15. Sam Richey, No. 103, A. Evans President, Sandersville.

16. Ben Thornton, No. 31, Wm. Bell President, Lauderdale.

17. Flora Jones, No. 218, H. S. Jones President, Paulding.

18. Marie Roberts, No. 222, Allen Woodward, President, Shubuta.

19. Peter Loften, No. 239, I. M. McNair, President, Mt. Olive.

20. Rachel Williams. No. 31, Wm Bell, President, Lauderdale.

21. C. W. Sharman, No. 85, John Scott, President, Stonewall.

22. Wm. Stokes, No. 125, R. C. Cole, President, Collinsville.

23. Glover Mack, No. 253, E. F. Young, Jr., President, Meridian.

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26. W. T. Williams, No. 337, Prof. A. C. Drummond, President, Newton.

27. Taylor Howard, No. 119, Mrs Jennie Moore, President, Waynesboro

28. Levi Johnson, No. 387, Mrs. Pinkie Lee, President, Lambert.

29. Nettie Barney, No. 20, W. N Knott, President, Kewanee.

30. Tom Campbell. No. 212, A. L. Williams, President, Pachuta.

31. J. B. Barber, No. 300, Mrs. Anna McMillion, President, Hickory.

32. Sofa Robinson, No. 337, Prof. A. C. Drummond, President, Newton.

33. Mary B. Weems, No. 95, Mrs. Zdita Howard, President, Crandall.

34. Lottie Wheeler, No. 37, W. C. McLeod, President, Bassield.

BOARDS

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necessary that all of us make ourselves a committee of one, to see to it, to the best of our ability, that people who renew in the H.B.A. are well and hearty and ont above the age limit. There is something funny and a little strange about some of the deaths we are naving.

All presidents are requested by the General President to bring a subscription to the Weekly Echo to the board for the secretary of your lodge. The subscription rates are $1.50 per year if you do not come to the board, you are requested to mail the subscription in together with the name and address of your secretary. We are compelled to make this request for the protection of the local lodges. Some strange things are happening in some of these local lodges that are detrimental to the association. The local lodge is to pay for the Echo for the secretary of the lodge.

RECORD BOOKS

The news has come to the office that some of our local presidents do not have our regular official secretary records for their lodges. Brethren if you do not have an official secretary record obtained from the office, please get one at once. Each local lodge must have an official record in which to keep the proceedings of your business.

We are also asking each lodge to subscribe for the Echo for the secretary of your lodge, in order to protect the members and the association. We will be forced to make this request of you and we shall be compelled to see to it that all lodges respond.

REV. E. F. YOUNG, President

Sick Committee Order Blank Books

We now have on hand sick committee Order Blank Books for the various lodges. These blanks are for the Sick Committee to give a written order to the doctor, to make visits to the sick member and order blanks to the drug store to fill prescriptions. Presidents are requested to have their lodges get these blanks at their earliest convenience not later than the H. B. A. Boards in March.

At Braxton March fifth

The description to the Board held at Braxton on the fifth of March is as follows: Come No. 80 highway to Brandon, take No. 18 to Johns, coming No. 89, come to D'Lo and turn south to Cato 2 miles from there to Rose Hill Church, ask at Johns any one will tell you the way.

A. G. Kennedy, President.

NECROLOGY

Noanna Staten died February 1 in Meridian. Interment followed in Waynesboro. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Will Brooks died February 4th at 1309 13th Ave., Meridian. Interment followed in Masonic cemetery. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Carlyon Joyce Davis, died February 1 in Meridian. Interment followed in Pleasant Grove cemetery. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Sadie G. Willis died February 2 at Whynot, Mississippi. Interment followed in Pleasant Hill. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

R. H. B. Larkin died February 8, Cuba, Alabama. Interment followed in Cuba. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Tom Campbell died February 11, Pachuta. Interment followed in Pachuta. Strayhorn & Young in charge

Willie M. Lackey died February 11, 2120 9th Ave., City. Interment followed in Masonic cemetery. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Bessie L. Burns, died February 14, in Meridian. Interment followed in Pleasant Hill. Staryhorn & Young in charge.

Sara Gordon died February 15, in Meridian. Interment followed in Whynot, Strayhorn & Young in charge.

Maggie Russell, died February 18 in Meridian Interment followed in Marion. Strayhorn & Young in charge

Jack Moore, died February 19 at 4711 Hooper St., Meridian. Strayhorn & Young in charge.

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Brighten Up Your Wardrobe

Take, for instance, that old black dress—or the green or blue one for that matter. A starchy white pique collar will go far toward making it look pert and new—or a lingerie touch at the throat and wrists will give it a daintiness you didn't dream it could possess. And your suit that you have been wearing straight through the winter and have felt a bit threadbare—send it to the cleaners to get the nap out of the skirt and put the crease back in the sleeves and then shop around in the season's end sales until you find a blouse that is completely unlike any you have worn with it before. The combination will make you feel that you have an entirely new outfit and you'll probably decide to wear it right into the spring. Stop in at the five-and-ten or any other convenient notions counter and pick up a bangle or two to break the line of any number of old dresses. A string of brightly colored beads, a new jingly bracelet or an unusual belt can add just the needed touch of dash to a dress that you had thought out-moded.

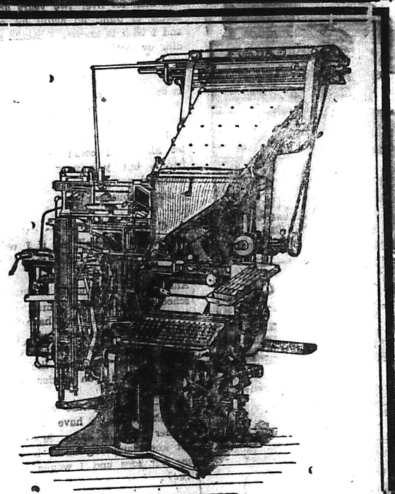
Overhaul Yourself

And now turn to your face. Have you let your skin become rough and chapped? A few reconditioning treatments will give it a softer, more supple look. Perhaps you need a change of make-up shades. Poorly matched make-up can make you look drab and lifeless whereas harmonizing shades are important flatterers. A bold red lipstick, if chosen wisely, can make you the center of admiring eyes.

And how is your hair looking after exposure to winter winds? Lustrous hair is one of a woman's best drawing cards and it is foolish to ever look so important a bet. If it is streaked from one cause or another, find a coloring that matches the original shade and recapture its youthful gleam. It takes such a short time and the results are so far-reaching. And try a new hair-do. If you've been wearing it up, a long bob will make you feel like a different person, or vice-versa.

It takes so little to give a woman a lift and this is the ideal time of year to go to it. Your family and friends—and more importantly, your best beau—will notice the difference. It's well worth the try, don't you think?

What are your beauty problems? Write Marie Downing, Larieuse Beauty Foundation, Room 521—319 North Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo., and she will be glad to answer them. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



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USHER BOARD NEWS

MOBILE, Ala.— The pastor and members of the C. M. E. church of Mobile, Ala. regret very much the illness of our president of the Usher Board, Mr. H. J. Jones, who has been sick for more than ten days.

We hope for him a speedy recovery. He is connected with all departments of the church as well as a member of the YMCA.

T. M. Moppins, Reporter.

BOARD AT DEKALB

Those who attend the Board at Dekalb on March 1st coming via. Dekalb, come out on the Jackson road about six miles and turn to the left and come two miles south to New Hope M. E. Church.

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OTTO A. HARBACH, born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., where he won an oratorical contest judged by William Jennings Bryan.

Harbach taught English at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, and then came to New York where he became a reporter.

Then followed advertising work with lyric writing on the side. In 1907 came his first success.

Joseph M. Gaites gave Harbach and Karl Hoschna one hundred dollars each for the operetta "Three Twins," which sky-rocketed Bessie McCoy into fame.

By 1918 Harbach had written "Madam Sherry" and other operettas, and had turned to playwriting as well. He was extremely prolific, and it was not unusual to find several of his works in the bright lights of Broadway at the same time.

Knox College eventually made him a Doctor of Literature; the member and quality of his productions earned him membership in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; and a place on the Board of Directors.

Harbach has never lost his touch. For "Roberta," among other songs, he produced "When Your Heart's On Fire, Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." He is now at work, in his Mamaroneck, N. Y. home, on at least one new production.